

# Ward 5 eblast

Sunday, June 20, 2021

## Happy Father's Day!

I spent a few days in Washington earlier this week with Mayor Gilich, Councilman Felix Gines and Councilman Robert Deming to speak with our congressional delegation about funding for a new Popp's Ferry bridge. We were able to speak personally with Senator Roger Wicker, Senator Cindy Hyde-Smith, and Congressman Trent Kelly; Congressmen Palazzo and Thompson were on the floor of the House for a vote and unavailable. We stressed the current condition of the bridge (locking pins don't always fully engage when the draw span is lowered after boat traffic) and its use as an evacuation route. Hopefully, a federal funding commitment will be coming several months from now.

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### Meetings this week...

- [Architect & Hist Rev Committee](#)
- [Develop. Rev. Committee \(DRC\)](#)
- [City Council](#)

### Bits & Pieces...

- [Scrapin' the Coast, June 25-27](#)  
Neighborhood Passes will be distributed in the next few days to Edgewater Park, Briarfield subdivision, Oakmont Pl., Grande View and Maison d'Orleans apartments.
- [See the Docket](#) Your tax \$\$\$...

**Biloxi A to Z**

**Friday 06/18/21**

### Who to contact for...

- Trash or garbage issues?  
Dial 228.701.9086  
Press 1 Waste Management (garbage)  
Press 2 Pelican Waste (trash)

**Next Council meeting:** Tuesday, June 22, 1:30 pm [Agenda](#) [Watch live](#)  
(1) [4A Conditional Use for auto repair and servicing, 1749 Pass Road](#)  
(2) [5A Tidelands Grant application, sediment removal, canals/waterways](#)  
(3) [5D Final pay application for Keesler Gate \(inside gate\), project 1010](#)



Howard Avenue, Biloxi, downtown looking to the west, late 1940s perhaps.  
(Thanks to Sammy Montiforte)

### Highlights of this past week's Council Meeting... [Video \(1:38:23\)](#)

- 1) Conducted public hearings, historic designation for 2 residential home
- 2) Approved low speed vehicle ordinance change that permits gas engines
- 3) Designated 646 Water Street & 560 Howard Avenue, historic homes
- 4) Approved grant application, reduce youth violence & youth gang activity
- 5) Authorized new HVAC system for Fire Museum
- 6) Renewed agreement with Key Impact Strategies, Keith Heard, 3 months
- 7) Reconciled capital project 913, PF Extension, and amended budget
- 8) Approved excursion boat berth rental agreement
- 9) Approved agreement with Neel-Schaffer, grant application, project 913
- 10) Approved Mutual Aid Agreement with 81<sup>st</sup> Security Forces Squadron
- 11) Requested assistance from Harrison County on a number of items
- 12) Approved change order 1, final pay payment, Lorraine Road water line
- 13) Approved several Tidelands Grant application submissions
- 14) Tabled amended/restated lease with CB's Jamaica Jerk eatery
- 15) Approved Saenger Theatre change order for wall vents
- 16) Approved leasing space in Lighthouse Park for mobile food vendors

### Council meeting for TC3/Claudette... [Video \(2:28\)](#) [State of Emergency](#)

The Council met very briefly Friday afternoon at 3:30, to approve a resolution for a State of Emergency due to Tropical Storm Claudette.

- City complaints or concerns? 228.435.6271, [cross@biloxi.ms.us](mailto:cross@biloxi.ms.us)
- Water, Sewer, Gas, or Drainage emergency after working hours?  
Call Biloxi Police Department Dispatch: 228.392.0641
- Streetlight issues, [Ward 5](#)... Mississippi Power Co., 1.800.487.3275
- [Infrastructure update: Point Cadet \(east Biloxi, south of railroad tracks\)](#)